

# **EAST WASHINGTON SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

SUPERINTENDENT  
Dennis Stockdale

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Theresa Gottbrath, President; David Churchman, Vice President; Linda McClellan, Secretary  
Hector Nale, member; Sue Jane Miller, member

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Admin. Bldg. Board Room

## **LEGAL MINUTES**

### **Members Present**

Theresa Gottbrath, President  
David Churchman, Vice President  
Linda McClellan, Secretary  
Sue Jane Miller, Member

### **Members Absent**

Hector Nale, Member

### **Guests**

#### **NEWS MEDIA:**

#### **NEWSPAPER**

Salem Leader, Kate Wehlann

#### **OFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent  
Mr. Greg Hopkins, Trans. Director/Asst. to Superintendent  
Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal  
Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal  
Mr. Darrin Farris, HS Principal  
Mrs. Donna Campbell, Admin. Secretary

#### **UNOFFICIAL GUESTS:**

Tom Coats  
Kendra Floyd  
Andy Cooper, PSG Energy Group  
Jami Krynski, PSG Energy Group

### **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

President Theresa Gottbrath led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

President Theresa Gottbrath called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Mission Statement**

President Theresa Gottbrath read the Mission Statement following the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **School Corporation Aims & Reports**

#### **East Washington Elementary School Report**

Mrs. Debbie Esarey, ES Principal, reported that the DOE School Letter Grades were now made public. East Washington Elementary School received an "A." The elementary school had also just hosted a Holiday Party for their students which were very much enjoyed by all.

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## **East Washington Middle School Report**

Ms. Amber Sater, MS Principal, reported that the DOE School Letter Grade for East Washington Middle School was a "B." Ms Sater presented the Board with a breakdown of the data that impacts the school letter grade. She stated that the majority of the ISTEP scores were well above the state average. She was also very pleased with the average growth rate which was above 100%. In other news, Ms. Sater also stated that Mrs. Coahran and Mrs. Endris had started a Science Club for students. She also invited everyone to attend the MS Band/Choir Concert at 7pm after the board meeting.

## **Eastern High School Report**

Mr. Darin Farris, HS Principal, reported that the DOE School Letter Grade for Eastern High School was a "B." He said that this was an improvement over the previous year. Last year was the first year for ISTEP in grade 10. In comparison to 20 other area schools, EHS was 5<sup>th</sup> in Language Arts and 6<sup>th</sup> in Math. EHS scores were 5-8 points above state averages.

Mr. Farris also reported that Eastern High School has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$180,000 per year for 4 years to provide a before and after school program. Students will be able to earn credits and certificates in occupational classes, such as CNA, Hospital Administration, Information Technology, Welding, etc. A program director will be hired to coordinate the program. There will also be local businesses who will partner with Eastern HS for this program.

## **Transportation/Food Services Report**

Mr. Greg Hopkins, Transportation Director, stressed the need for bus drivers. He also praised the current drivers for their professionalism and concern for one another during their daily bus routes. Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, also had positive comments for our entire transportation staff. Mrs. Linda McClellan stated that she was stopped by a community member while at a restaurant and heard the same type of positive comments.

Mr. Hopkins reported that Eastern HS will begin selling coffee in the cafeteria in January. Also, he stated that he was still waiting for the High Ability Grant Approval.

## **Technology Report**

None

## **Superintendent Report**

Mr. Dennis Stockdale, Superintendent, presented board members with a list of dates for proposed meetings during 2017 and asked them to look it over and let him know of any conflicts they may have.

There have been some reorganizational changes in the maintenance/custodial department. Mr. Farris reported that he had noticed that the ticket process has made many things work much more efficiently than in the past. Mr. Stockdale reported that the Board will receive a spreadsheet from Mr. Aaron Smith each month that will track the cost savings of the improvements that have been made.

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Mr. Stockdale told Board members that the Corporation will be leasing a skid steer for snow removal to see if it is needed often enough for the cost of purchasing one to be feasible.

Mr. Stockdale provided the Board with an update on the Corporation move to Solar Energy. The next step in this process will be for Duke Energy to come in and do some studies, core samples, etc. The Corporation will only be liable for the cost of these studies if the move to solar energy does not take place. East Washington School Corporation is one of the few corporations in the state that is 100% electric. Mr. Andy Cooper and Mr. Jami Krynski, both of PSG Energy Group, provided energy information to the Board concerning placement of solar panels. Studies will be completed to be certain that the subsurface will provide stability for the foundations. There will also be a lighting retrofit to change out light fixtures with more energy efficient fixtures. Lighting work will be completed on second and third shifts so there will be no interruption during the school day. This entire project could be completed and operational in approximately 4 months.

Mr. Stockdale presented David Churchman and Sue Jane Miller with Letters of Appreciation and a lifetime pass to all athletic events and thanked them for their service on the Board of Trustees.

## **Public Comments**

None

## **Consent Items:**

### A. Approval of Minutes and Executive Session

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 29, 2016 were approved with any additions, corrections, or deletions as recommended by the Board.

Motion: David Churchman

Seconded: Sue Jane Miller

Vote: 4-0

### B. Approval of Claims/Payroll/Financial Statements, Bank Reconciliation

Motion: Sue Jane Miller

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 4-0

## **Personnel**

### A. Approval of Personnel Changes

Superintendent Stockdale recommended that the Board approve the personnel changes as outlined:

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## **EMPLOYMENT OF STAFF**

### ***Extra-Curricular***

- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Jeff Pennington as Varsity Baseball Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Sam Edlin as Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Jennifer Olesh as Girls Varsity Track Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Michael Gilliam as Boys Varsity Track Coach.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Mark Olesh and Billy Perez as Varsity Track Assistant Coaches.
- ✓ Mr. Farris, HS Principal, recommends Sue Shipman as Girls Varsity Tennis Coach.

## **POINT OF INFORMATION**

### **Resignation(s)**

#### ***Classified***

- ✓ Mr. Stockdale, Superintendent, accepted the resignation letter submitted by David Souder effective December 6, 2016.

After due consideration, the same was approved.

Motion: Linda McClellan

Seconded: David Churchman

Vote: 4-0

## **Action Items**

### A. Recommendation to approve 2017 Graduation Date

It was recommended that the Board approve Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 2:00pm as the date and time for the 2017 Graduation ceremony.

Motion: David Churchman

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 4-0

### B. Recommendation to approve 2017/18 School Calendar

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2017/18 School Calendar as presented.

Motion: Sue Jane Miller

Seconded: Linda McClellan

Vote: 4-0

### C. Recommendation to approve Qualified Provider for Energy Savings

It was recommended that the Board approve EMCOR Group, Inc. as the Qualified Provider for Energy Savings.

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Motion: Linda McClellan  
Seconded: David Churchman  
Vote: 4-0

D. Recommendation to approve letter of intent with EMCOR Group, Inc

It was recommended that the Board approve a letter of intent with EMCOR Group, Inc. up to \$20,000 for Duke Energy Solar Study.

Motion: David Churchman  
Seconded: Linda McClellan  
Vote: 4-0

E. As Needed

None

## **Board Member Comments & Committee Reports**

President Theresa Gottbrath discussed the Pumpkin Patch that will be planted to provide pumpkins for the elementary students.

Linda McClellan thanked Sue Jane Miller and David Churchman for their service on the School Board.

David Churchman commented that it had been nice to discover how things work in the Corporation. He stated that the General Public has no idea how much effort it takes to keep the Corporation operating effectively.

## **Announcements**

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 am. The next School Board Meeting/Work Session is Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: David Churchman  
Seconded: Sue Jane Miller  
Vote: 4-0

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Hector Nale, President of the Board

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Linda McClellan, Secretary of the Board